



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMISSION

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Celebration Commission**

A Day On! Not A Day Off

2020 Service Project Request for Proposals

Grant Funding Criteria

Submission: Application will only be accepted through our online form

Due Date: Monday, November 25, 2019

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, invites proposals for funding for service and educational activities beginning on or around the federal holiday, January 20, 2020. Organizations are invited to submit proposals for projects that are dynamic and relevant by combining meaningful service and thoughtful reflection, and that provide volunteers with opportunities for sustained service and ongoing community involvement.

ELIGIBILITY

Organizations eligible to receive funding include: nonprofit organizations, businesses, faith organizations, schools, community and neighborhood organizations, public and private agencies, student organizations, and organizations that serve veterans or military families.

AWARDS

Funds will be awarded based on the quality of the project and on the number of volunteers.

Number of Volunteers	Maximum award
Collaborations between three or more organizations	\$2,000
100 – 250	\$1,000
50-100	\$500
Fewer than 50	\$250



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PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Successful projects will meet the following requirements:

- Get necessary things done in the community by addressing education, public safety, environmental, or other needs through direct service and citizen action.
- Strengthen the community by bringing people together in pursuit of a common objective of value to the community.
- Reflect the life and teaching of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and demonstrate Dr. King's proposition that "Everybody can be great, because everyone can serve."
- Begin or occur in significant part on the federal holiday (January 20, 2020) and include on-going volunteer components according to the needs of your organization.
- Funding must be used prior to 3/31/2020.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Projects which include continued service during "40 Days of Peace," and projects that engage disadvantaged youth, veterans, or military families either in service activities or as recipients of service are particularly encouraged and will be given extra consideration.

In addition, a strong preference is for projects that focus on the following:

- King's principles (social justice, nonviolence, beloved community, reciprocity, franchising of the marginalized)
- Education
- Families
- Multiple agency collaborations
- Longer-term volunteer commitments

Showing how a principle of King's work is a component of your project is greatly encouraged.

*[*Disadvantaged youth, as defined by the Corporation for National and Community Service, are youth up to 24 years old, who, because of characteristics, circumstances, experiences or insufficiencies, encounter financial, legal, social, educational, emotional and/or health problems and may have significant difficulties growing into adults who are responsible citizens, productive workers, involved members of communities, and good parents.]*



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GRANT LIMITATIONS

Grants under this program may constitute federal assistance and may not be used to inhibit or advance religion in a material way; award may not be used to fund religious instruction, worship, or proselytization. No part of an award may be used to pay honoraria or fees for speakers, to support a celebration banquet, or to support activity not connected to service. Funds will not be awarded for giveaways including but not limited to key chains, mugs, pens, or t-shirts.

EXAMPLES OF SUITABLE PROJECTS

- packing or delivering meals to the hungry
- tutoring children or adults
- stocking a food or clothing pantry
- renovating a school or low-income or senior housing
- translating books or documents
- collaborating to bring together communities of faith and secular human service programs
- removing graffiti or painting a mural
- organizing health fairs
- collecting oral histories of elders
- restoring public spaces
- organizing a blood drive
- community-wide serv-a-thons that bring a broad cross-section together, including schools or school districts that seek to involve students and teachers in joint-project service
- linking students in schools and universities with community organizations

All MLK Day Service Projects and Educational Events – whether you are recruiting from the public or not - must be listed on the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network website (BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org).

Any questions? Contact Michael Shermis at 812-349-3471 or mlk@bloomington.in.gov.